

distinct inventions and present a serious burden. The restriction therefore fails to adhere to the requirement for completeness of the Examiner's action (§1.104). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding, Applicants would not traverse an election of the species as described below:

Q = S or N;

Z = 1. hydrogen, alkyl, Ar—CH₂;

3. a group of the formula -CH(OR¹¹)R¹², wherein R¹¹ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, or CH₃C(O)-; and R¹² is [C₁ to C₆]alkyl, Ar, or CO₂R¹³ wherein R¹³ is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

5. a group of the formula-CH₂WAr, wherein W is -(C=O)- or -S(=O)_n- where n=1 or 2; or

6. a group of the formula-CH₂C≡C-R¹⁴ is (C₁-C₆)alkyl

Y = 2. a group of the formula -CH(R⁵)-R⁶.

These groups present highly related chemical moieties

For the purpose of being deemed responsive to the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect:

Q = S;

Z = 1. hydrogen, alkyl, Ar—CH₂;

Y = 2. a group of the formula -CH(R⁵)-R⁶.

With respect to the indication, Applicants hereby provisionally elect hypertension/isolated systolic hypertension, which includes reducing or ameliorating reduced vascular compliance, elevated pulse pressure and hypertension as set forth on page 19.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 6, 8 and 11 and amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10.

The pending claims are listed in the attached: